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Table 1. Upland Game Bird Revenue and Expenditures FY 1988 - 2008

Fiscal Year	Income					Expenditures					Year End Balance
	Beginning Balance	License Revenue	Interest Revenue	Total Income	Bird Planting	Habitat Enhancement	Administration	Overhead	Expenditures	Total Expenditures	
1988		\$426,410		\$426,410			\$24,632		\$24,632	\$401,778	
1989	\$401,778	\$590,534		\$992,312	\$10,499		\$15,573		\$26,072	\$966,240	
1990	\$966,240	\$596,666		\$1,562,906	\$21,642	\$88,299	\$10,824		\$120,765	\$1,442,141	
1991	\$1,442,141	\$608,631		\$2,050,772	\$978	\$579,724	\$28,191		\$608,893	\$1,441,879	
1992	\$1,441,879	\$665,303		\$2,107,182	\$5,151	\$701,735	\$50,508		\$757,394	\$1,349,788	
1993	\$1,349,788	\$682,279		\$2,032,067	\$1,884	\$1,053,655	\$52,850	\$107,415	\$1,215,804	\$816,263	
1994	\$816,263	\$659,332		\$1,475,595	\$571	\$636,718	\$24,563	\$114,163	\$976,015	\$499,580	
1995	\$499,580	\$685,515		\$1,185,095	\$1,299	\$991,396	\$41,342	\$62,753	\$1,096,790	\$88,305	
1996	\$88,305	\$681,767		\$770,072	\$26,193	\$326,577	\$50,240	\$119,202	\$522,212	\$247,860	
1997	\$247,860	\$740,955		\$988,815	\$55,437	\$714,248	\$53,936	\$55,499	\$879,120	\$109,695	
1998	\$109,695	\$736,241		\$845,936	\$116,178	\$598,624	\$37,281	\$96,682	\$848,765	\$2,829	
1999	-\$2,829	\$746,389		\$743,560	\$35,403	\$108,920	\$56,263	\$53,177	\$253,763	\$489,797	
2000	\$489,797	\$780,339	\$39,339	\$1,309,475	\$1,821	\$148,452	\$55,545	\$21,110	\$226,928	\$1,082,547	
2001	\$1,082,547	\$671,776	\$72,266	\$1,826,589	\$11,200	\$184,830	\$40,529	\$22,106	\$258,665	\$1,567,924	
2002 Adjustment*											
2002	\$1,389,511	\$669,710	\$47,998	\$2,107,219	\$40,878	\$144,321	\$60,957	\$178,413	\$262,720	\$1,844,499	
2003	\$1,844,499	\$636,343	\$29,043	\$2,509,885	\$84,003	\$197,528	\$61,594	\$16,564	\$370,594	\$2,139,291	
2004	\$2,139,291	\$690,078	\$24,406	\$2,853,775	\$99,836	\$107,527	\$49,143	\$27,469	\$284,901	\$2,568,874	
2005	\$2,568,874	\$675,917	\$61,550	\$3,306,341	\$94,839	\$101,433	\$53,614	\$18,976	\$268,862	\$3,037,479	
2006	\$3,037,479	\$680,941	\$118,025	\$3,836,445	\$114,232	\$746,713	\$56,496	\$45,603	\$963,044	\$2,873,401	
2007	\$2,873,401	\$697,654	\$152,134	\$3,723,189	\$130,100	\$368,425	\$47,690	\$24,877	\$571,092	\$3,152,097	
2008	\$3,152,097	\$701,343	\$130,381	\$3,983,821	\$131,609	\$508,739	\$82,381	\$23,187	\$745,916	\$3,237,905	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$14,024,123</b>	<b>\$675,142</b>	<b>\$14,699,265</b>	<b>\$983,753</b>	<b>\$8,507,864</b>	<b>\$954,152</b>	<b>\$1,015,591</b>	<b>\$11,461,360</b>	<b>\$3,237,905</b>	

\* An adjustment was made to the balance as a result of the FY1997-1998 audit by the Legislative Auditors Office (repayment to the USFW) (see appendix 2)

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Rep. Kendall Van Dyke, Chairman and members of the Legislative FWP Committee:

For the record, I am Ed Smith, original sponsor of the legislation that created the UGBE law in 1987.

Because of a previous commitment I am unable to attend this hearing but I want to thank Rep. Julie French for sponsoring HB 449, which I whole heartily support. I also want to thank auditor Angie Grove and her staff for conducting an audit of the UGBHE program, based on a letter I sent to Governor Schweitzer dated June 27, 2008.

I also provided back-up documents supporting allegations I made in that letter that I am sure will be discussed at the hearing on HB 499.

FWP must be held accountable, no one should be above the law.

I also fully support HB 498.

Sincerely,



Ed Smith  
Dagmar, MT 59219

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**REP. JULIE FRENCH**

Seat No. **60**

Hi Julie,

Wanted to let you know our tourism group, Missouri River Country(Sheridan, Daniels, Valley, Phillips, Richland, McCone, Garfield, Roosevelt Counties), met yesterday and voted to express our support for HB 499. Our tourism region is the poorest of all the tourism regions in Montana (our bed tax revenues last year were \$99,900 compared to Glacier Country's \$2,774,000). During pheasant hunting season all of our motels are full, the only time of year that they are. Our tourism promotions depend on this revenue and the hunting season is a significant contributor for those revenues. Thanks for representing our interests in NE Montana.....doug smith

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**House Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Committee**

**House Bill #499 (Introduced by Julie French)**

**Comments from Richard Iversen**

**Sidney, Mt (phone 406-798-7770)**

**Letter to support HB #499**

I fully support the changes to the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program addressed in HB #499. Some of the areas I wish to discuss are:

1. While working for USDA –NRCS for over 35 years, I had the opportunity to work with the very talented and dedicated Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Dept. staff. We did lots of upland game bird projects. These were probably all good projects, but one of the things that often lacked was the follow up that assured these projects were maintained. This bill will assure that projects are maintained via ongoing monitoring. This bill will also assure that accountability to the goals of the program is followed via the report due the department each year under the NEW SECTION # 3.

2. One of the weaknesses in the Upland Game bird Program often was the lack of local input on types of projects that would be successful. I like the formation of the ADVISORY COUNCIL. This council is a sure fire way to bring a wide range of views on how to make a good program even better. I have worked with a variety of advisory council, such as Conservation Districts, and they serve their purposes very well.

Thank you for your consideration and I encourage you to support HB 499

Richard Iversen

2-14-09

Rep. Julie French  
Capital Station  
Helena Mt. 59620

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As a participant in the Block Management Program in Montana I am concerned that if there is a large amount of pheasants hunters there would be no reason for me to be or to stay in the program

I am taking part in the feeding of pheasants at the moment with the help of the Fish Wildlife & Parks.

If it wasn't for this help they would all die. thus no hunters would come. So I am in full support of HB498 + HB499.

Thank You

Cliff Torgerson

Clifford Torgerson  
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**SORENSEN PHEASANT FARM**

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February 16, 2009

Dear Representative Julie French,

As constituents in your district we are writing to you on behalf of the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program. As you know we raise and release pheasants within the program's guidelines and have been doing so since 1997.

The program offers many benefits to our area in northeast Montana such as economic growth, land availability for hunting and an increase in bird population. The economic benefits to our area are overwhelming to our hotels, restaurants, bars and sporting goods stores to name a few. The program has also opened up more private property to hunting because the cooperators within the program, those that have agreed to allow pheasant releasing on their land, are obligated to have their land available for public hunting. Each year we are finding more landowners that want to participate in the program therefore opening more land to public access. These landowners have been very helpful to us as well as the landowners who are in the Block Management Program. We feel that sustaining and or increasing the pheasant population is a vital part to both programs and without these elements there is no need for either program.

In regards to your sponsored bill, HB 499, we support you in this effort and are completely behind the idea of an Advisory Council. Thank you for your attention to this matter that is so very important to the livelihood of northeast Montana.

Sincerely,

LeRoy and Colleen Sorenson  
Sorenson Pheasant Farm

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